GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3381
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ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ANGAMALY SABARIMALA RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways have decided for laying a railway line from Angamaly to Sabarimala via Muvattupuzha;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Railways have taken any steps for acquisition of land for the said project;

(d) If so, the progress made so far in this regard;

(e) Whether the Railways have paid any compensation to the landholders whose lands have been acquired; and

(f) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Angamali-Sabarimala(Azhutha) new line work was included in the Budget 1997-98 which will terminate at Azhutha, short of Reserve Forest area.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Necessary requisition for acquisition of land to the extent of 470 hectare coming in Ernakulam, Idukki and Kottayam Districts have been sent to Government of Kerala.

(e) & (f): Rs. 3.55 crore has been deposited by the Railway with the Government of Kerala for payment of compensation. However, no land has been handed over to Railways so far.